(b) and (c) The Central Employment Guarantee Council shall be constituted with effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification, specify. The notification under Section 10(1) of the Act has so far not been issued. The State Employment Guarantee Council shall be constituted by the State Government under provisions of Section 12 of the Act. The District Programme Coordinator will be appointed by the State Government under Section 14(1) of the Act.

(d) The NREG Act, 2005 has so far not been launched in any of the districts and hence no funds have been provided so far for the implementation of the programme. The funds proposed to be made available in the first phase of implementation of the Act are estimated to be of the order of Rs.17,103crore.

Implementation of NREGS in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri of Tamil Nadu

866. SHRI C. PERUMAL Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to notify the districts for implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts of Tamil Nadu have been included; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The National Rural Employement Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005. The notification for applicability of the Act is yet to be issued under Section 1(3) of The Act. The 200 districts where the Act is likely to be implemented in the first phase have not yet been identified.

Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Karnataka

867. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has been implemented in Karnataka;

(b)if so, which are the districts selected for the implementation Of the above scheme in Karnataka;

(c)the steps so far taken to implement this scheme in these districts;

(d)the number of persons benefited so far in Karnataka;

(e)whether there is any representation from Karnataka to take up the implementation in other districts like Gulbaraga, Gadag, Bijapur, Bangalore (Rural) and Chamarajanagar; and

(f) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c), (e) and (f) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005. The notification for applicability of the Act is yet to be issued under Section 1 (3) of the Act. The Act is likely to be implemented in 200 districts of the country in the first phase of its implementation. The process of identification of the districts has so far not been completed. Requests have been received from Karnataka to include 10 more districts of the State under the Scheme. No specific requests for inclusion of districts, namely, Gulbarga, Gadag, Bijapur, Bangalore (Rural) and Chamarajanagar have been received in the Ministry.

(d) Question does not arise.

Monitoring of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

868. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to monitor the implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme which has been implemented in 200 districts in the country; and

(b) if so, whether the Rural Development Ministry or the Planning Commission is the monitoring agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Rural Employment Gurantee Act (NREGA), 2005 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005. The notification for applicability of the Act is yet to be issued under Section 1(3) of the Act. The 200 districts where the Act is likely to be implemented in the first